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1. [] REVEALED SEVEN AREAS OF CONSTRUCTION
ACTIVITY AT THE WEST END OF THE RANGEHEAD AT THE TTMC IN THE VICINITY OF LAUNCH COMPLEXES "F", "G", AND "K". THESE AREAS WERE EVALUATED AS CONSTITUTING A POSSIBLE LAUNCH GROUP BECAUSE OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SILOS UNDER CONSTRUCTION, THEIR ARRANGEMENT AND SPACING, AND BECAUSE THERE WAS EVIDENCE OF PROBABLE DITCHING BETWEEN CONSTRUCTION AREAS.
2. THIS MISSION REVEALS EVIDENCE CONFIRMING THE LAUNCH GROUP PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS POSSIBLE. THREE ADDITIONAL LAUNCH SITES ARE IDENTIFIED, MAKING A TOTAL OF TEN. A CIRCULAR PATTERN FORMED BY SIX SITES IS NOW APPARENT WITH A PROBABLE CONTROL FACILITY AND A SEVENTH SITE AT THE APPROXIMATE CENTER. THREE SITES ARE LOCATED OUTSIDE THE CIRCLE. THE DIAMETER OF THE CIRCLE OF SITES IS APPROXIMATELY 7.4 NM WHILE THE SPACING BETWEEN ADJOINING SITES IS APPROXIMATELY 3.5 NM. THE OVERALL PATTERN IS SIMILAR TO THOSE OBSERVED AT OLOVYANNAYA LAUNCH GROUPS "D" AND "E" AND TATISHCHEVO LAUNCH GROUP "A". THE GROUP IS DESIGNATED LAUNCH GROUP "L", SITES L1 THROUGH L10.

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LAUNCH SITE L1 IS NEWLY IDENTIFIED AND IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 1.3 NM SOUTH OF THE CENTER OF LAUNCH AREA G3-G4 (LAUNCH COMPLEX "G"). THE SITE IS ENCLOSED BY A GENERALLY TRIANGULAR FENCE AND CONSISTS OF A SILO CORING WITHIN A SHALLOW EXCAVATION AND AN "L"-SHAPED ELECTRONIC FACILITY. THE LEGS OF THE ELECTRONIC FACILITY ARE ORIENTED N/S AND E/W. THERE IS A PROBABLE CONTROL FACILITY UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN A SHALLOW EXCAVATION NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF THE LEGS OF THE ELECTRONIC FACILITY. FIRST EVIDENCE OF THIS SITE CAN BE OBSERVED [REDACTED] THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF IT ON [REDACTED]

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LAUNCH SITE L2 WAS PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED AS A POSSIBLE SITE. IT IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 3.2 NM NNE OF SITE L1 AND CONSISTS OF A CIRCULAR SILO UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN A SHALLOW EXCAVATION.

LAUNCH SITE L3 WAS PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED AS A POSSIBLE SITE. IT IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 4.5 NM NE OF SITE L1 AND CONSISTS OF A SHALLOW EXCAVATION CONTAINING A CIRCULAR SILO UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

LAUNCH SITE L4 WAS PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED AS A POSSIBLE SITE. IT IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 3.2 NM SE OF SITE L1 AND CONSISTS OF A SHALLOW EXCAVATION CONTAINING A CIRCULAR SILO UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

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A RING-LIKE OBJECT, PROBABLY A SILO SEGMENT, IS ON THE SLOPE OF THE SILO EXCAVATION.

LAUNCH SITE L5 WAS PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED AS A POSSIBLE SITE. IT IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 3.7 NM SSW OF SITE L1 AND CONSISTS OF A PARTIALLY FENCED SHALLOW EXCAVATION CONTAINING A CIRCULAR SILO UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

LAUNCH SITE L6 WAS PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED AS A POSSIBLE SITE. IT IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 4.2 NM WSW OF SITE L1 AND CONSISTS OF A PARTIALLY FENCED SHALLOW EXCAVATION CONTAINING A CIRCULAR SILO UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

LAUNCH SITE L7 IS A NEWLY IDENTIFIED SITE AND IS LOCATED 3.4 NM NW OF SITE L1. IT CONSISTS OF A SHALLOW EXCAVATION CONTAINING A SILO CORING. FIRST EVIDENCE OF THIS SITE CAN BE OBSERVED ON

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LAUNCH SITE L8 IS A NEWLY IDENTIFIED SITE AND IS LOCATED 6.2 NM ESE OF SITE L1. IT CONSISTS OF A SHALLOW EXCAVATION CONTAINING A SILO CORING. FIRST EVIDENCE OF THIS SITE CAN BE OBSERVED [REDACTED]

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LAUNCH SITE L9 WAS PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED AS A POSSIBLE SITE. IT IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 6.2 NM SE OF SITE L1 AND CONSISTS OF A

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DOUBLE FENCED AREA, THE INNER FENCE ENCLOSING AN AREA MEASURING APPROXIMATELY 700 FT SQUARE. WITHIN THE FENCE IS A SHALLOW EXCAVATION CONTAINING A CIRCULAR SILO, THE INSIDE AND OUTSIDE DIAMETERS OF WHICH ARE APPROXIMATELY 15 FT [] RESPECTIVELY. THERE ARE TWO SMALL BUILDINGS NEARBY.

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LAUNCH SITE L10 WAS PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED AS A POSSIBLE SITE. IT IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 6.2 NM SSE OF SITE L1 AND CONSISTS OF A SHALLOW EXCAVATION CONTAINING A SILO CORING. THE SITE IS PARTIALLY ENCLOSED BY A SECURITY FENCE.

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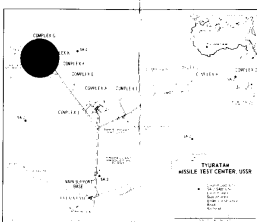
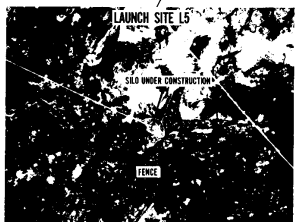
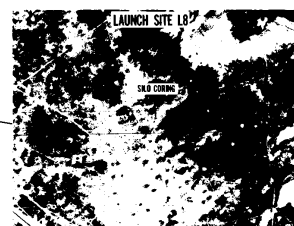
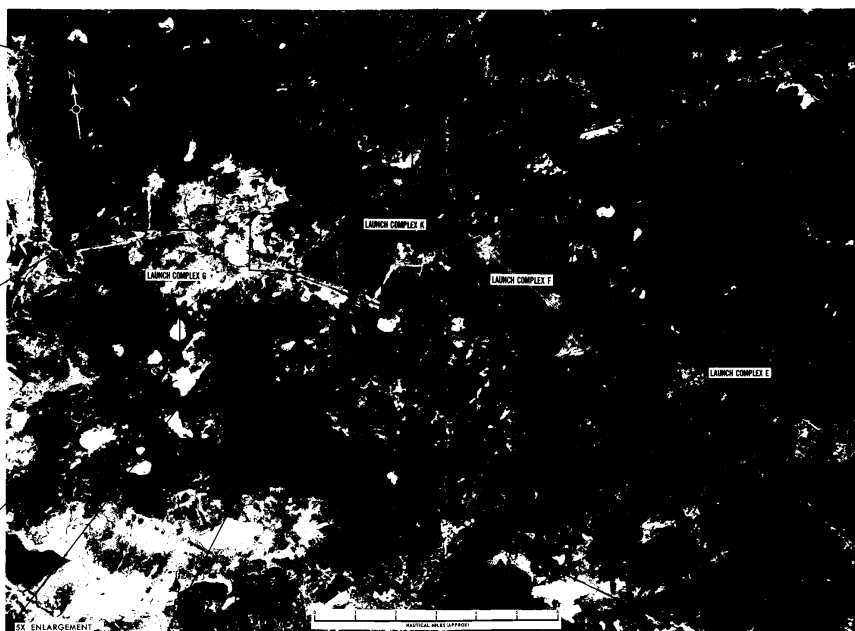
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